

WICAT stockholders file suit

By STEVE GARDNER

Senior Reporter

WICAT systems, suffering from financial woes, is also facing a lawsuit by nine stockholders who claim they were misled by company salesmen.

The nine stockholders, most of them from New York, say World Institute for Computer-Assisted Teaching directors overstated the firm's growth and earnings potential in order to draw early investors into buying shares at \$18 per share.

WICAT reports show losses of \$13.4 million in the 1984 fiscal year; stock value has dropped to \$2.25 and its investment in general-purpose computers has been unsuccessful.

WICAT President Robert Mendenhall cited decline in technology stocks in general

and WICAT's poor performance as reasons for the decline.

Former WICAT management employees cite other reasons for the decline.

The company's decision to go public in the way it did on June 30, 1983, with a market value of \$100 million, "the company expects increasing profits during the remainder of fiscal 1984" was the chief reason, according to the former employee.

Mendenhall said general systems computers comprised 80 percent of the company's business. He said the company plans to expand its other areas, including school system curriculum, software and consumer education to boost the company's outlook.

Mendenhall said he foresees the com-

pany performing better in the future, which could have an influence on stock prices.

The company's public offering in June of 1983 brought in \$72 million from investors. It sold 3.6 million shares of common stock at \$19.50 per share. The company and other shareholders moved 350,000 shares — all at \$18 per share.

WICAT, 11 of its officers and directors, the non-profit WICAT Education Institute, and the managing underwriters for the June 30 deal — Kleinwort, Benson Inc., Blythe Eastman Paine Weber Inc., and Hambrecht and Quist — are all named in the suit.

The plaintiffs are seeking reimbursement for their investment, plus interest, attorney fees and unspecified damages.

Utah Safety Council notes slight drop in traffic deaths

The Utah Safety Council reported 140 traffic-related fatalities on Utah public roads through Sunday, compared to 141 at this same time last year.

As part of a continuing driver education program designed to reduce highway death, injuries and property damage within the state, the council is presenting the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course in various cities throughout the state.

Classes in Provo will meet weekly, beginning Wednesday, in room B-112 of Provo High School at 6:30 p.m.

The classes will instruct drivers about various safety-related topics, including defensive driving techniques, high crash-avoidance, how drivers can rate their driving skill, and how different levels of alcohol intake affect driver performance.

Although the course may be of special interest to those who desire to improve their previous driving record, it is a valuable experience for all.

Nicaraguan archbishop leads group in protest

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI) — The Roman Catholic archbishop of Managua led 30 priests and some 100 churchgoers Monday on a march to protest the government's confinement of a clergyman accused of having ties to rebels.

"We are persecuted, but not abandoned, we are humiliated but not crushed," Archbishop Miguel Obando y Bravo said during a mass after the march.

Obando y Bravo previously had said he feared government forces would try to thwart the protest, but no incidents were reported in the nearly one-mile-long walk.

The ruling Sandinistas have prohibited street demonstrations and political rallies since imposing a state of emergency in March 1982.

The archbishop, a leading opponent of the 5-year-old Marxist Sandinista regime, invited churchgoers Sunday to join the march "to show solidarity with the suffering and anguish of Father Luis Amado Pena."

Pena was charged June 20 with belonging to an urban guerrilla group. Officials played a videotape for journalists that showed Pena meeting the group's commander.

The church has rejected the government's charges, calling them a "setup and propaganda of the Sandinista regime to implicate the church in subversive activity."

WEATHER

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drivers, said Robert Parenti, director of the Utah Safety Council.

"The course is not just designed for drivers who have experienced problems, but also for the good driver who seeks to refresh or sharpen his or her skills," said Parenti.

"A number of major industries within the state have enrolled employees who utilize company vehicles in the course in an effort to reduce company losses due to traffic accidents," he said.

Drivers who successfully complete the Defensive Driving Course are entitled to an immediate 50-point reduction in the points-against total of their record providing they have not taken the course within the three years prior to their current enrollment.

The registration fee for the course is \$20. Interested persons may call the Utah Safety Council at 533-5851 for further information.

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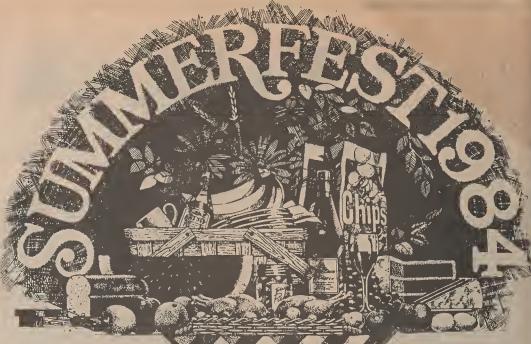
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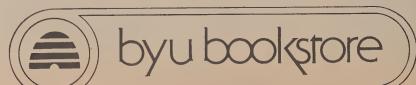
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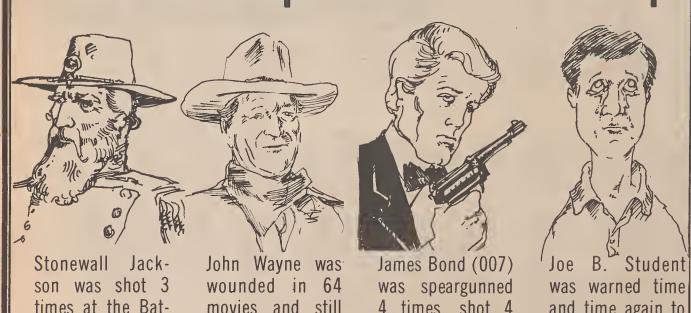
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Joe B. Student was warned time and again to drop his classes by July 12th and still didn't drop (and his life wasn't really that exciting).

Beehive State tourism injured by nationwide flooding news

By TROY STEINER
Senior Reporter

The news of flooding in Utah has spread throughout the country, damaging Utah's No. 1 private sector industry — tourism, according to the Utah Travel Council.

Paula Randolph, publicity director for the Utah Travel Council, said tourism has fallen off the last two years because of the flooding situation in Utah. "The state has definitely suffered."

"Tourism has suffered last year," she said. After the initial reports and shock wore off, everything has settled down, according to Randolph.

Although no one has suffered drastically this year, there have been appreciable losses by hotel owners, she said.

"Between 20 and 40 percent of Salt Lake City hotel operators have suffered," Randolph said. "All of the Southern Utah operators have been hurt. They have been hurt but not by something that didn't (physically) affect them."

Business owners angry

Business owners in Southern Utah are angry because of the lack of tourism and bad publicity when they were not actually exposed to any flooding, she said.

A Salt Lake City Travelodge lost \$17,000 in May alone because of the flooding issue, said Marie Nelson, owner of the Travelodge.

"We had people canceling from Germany and England and throughout the United States," she said. "Up and down the state hotels lost money."

"They thought Salt Air was in the city and that the city was underwater."

Randolph pointed to the same basic reason for the decline in Utah tourism. "Because the national conception of Utah is that unclear people are deciding not to come to Utah."

Some have lost more than I have." No one has been able to blame the media for the losses. "I blame it on the weather 25 percent, and on the media 75 percent." The media coverage of the Utah flood situation was damaging to the tourist industry, Nelson said. "Pictures of last year's flooding were used to tell about this year's."

"When one of our salesmen was in Chicago, he saw last year's flooding photos on TV. A lot of people avoided Utah because of it." People would call him and say, "I'm not going to go," Nelson would say. "What flooding?"

"Many people saw the water from the Great Salt Lake lapping against the side of Salt Air," Nelson said. "They thought Salt Air was in the city and that the city was underwater."

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Statewide effects

The effects of the faltering tourism have been felt throughout the state, Randolph said. A hotel in Provo has also felt the crunch, according to Pat Swinton, a spokeswoman for the hotel. "When publicity was the worse people called to cancel. We definitely were affected."

Between nine and 10 million tourists visit Utah each year and spend around \$1 billion dollars. Randolph said last year's loss of tourism revenue was about \$300,000 but this year's loss won't be as bad because of the aggressive campaigns some Utah

hotels undertook to encourage tourists to visit the state.

Among precautions Nelson took to fight cancellations was calling the Travel Council and asking them to inform the people on their mailing list that Salt Lake City was not under water. She also called the Travelodge Reservation Center in Kansas City to inform them of the Utah situation, she said.

Utah tourism is recovering and is on the upswing with the Olympics, which are set to begin on July 27 in Los Angeles. Nelson expects tourism revenue will go up because of the summer games. "I think we'll get an increase," she said.

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Although flooding in Utah this year was less severe than last year, the state's tourism industry has suffered due to what hotel owners call exaggerated media reports of the problem.

Matheson up for cabinet if Mondale wins election

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Democratic Presidential candidate Walter Mondale has told Gov. Scott Matheson he wants him in his cabinet if he can fulfill his desire President Reagan in the November election, Matheson said Monday.

Matheson, speaking at a casual luncheon meeting with members of the Salt Lake media, said the former vice president did not mention a specific cabinet post, but the Utah governor said he intended Matheson would be the "top job" that makes sense.

"The interior is the only one I am qualified for. I've been heavily involved in public land issues as governor and I worked in the public land area as an attorney before I was governor," he said.

Matheson said he has also decided to come out publicly in support of Mondale for the Democratic presidential nomination. "I am going down to San Francisco as a Mondale supporter," he said of the national convention that begins next week.

Mondale apparently has enough delegates to win the nomination.

Jackson's rescue attempts not unlawful, Reagan says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan said Monday that Jesse Jackson did not break the law when letting American prisoners released from Syria and Cuba and said he is grateful to Jackson for doing "something I couldn't have done officially."

But, he added, "I think it would be very dangerous if this became a political ploy for candidates in the future."

In an interview last week, Reagan left the impression that the Democratic presidential candidate might have violated the Logan Act, which prohibits private citizens from representing the United States in dealings with foreign countries.

But in a question and answer session with Mid-Atlantic and Midwest editors and broadcasters at a White House luncheon Monday he said, "I don't think there is any evidence" of the 18th century law being broken by Jackson.

He said that, in the Florida interview, he was only calling attention to the fact that "the Logan Act is very

specific . . . and private citizens can't go and negotiate the terms and arrangements with foreign governments."

"Anyone who wants to go simply as a citizen, a private citizen, and try to do a humanitarian thing as he successfully did in Syria," Reagan said. "I'm grateful to him for it because I know it took something I couldn't have done officially."

"I'm grateful that those people were released in Cuban prisons," he added.

"But it is a thin line that was to be walked and I would hope that it would not become a general practice," he said.

With a smile, he added, "I could have done without some of the criticisms of American policy that were made while he was in those foreign countries."

Responding to other questions, Reagan labeled his environmental and civil rights records two of the "better-known secrets" of his administration.

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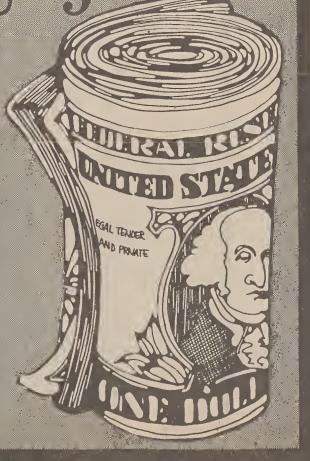
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SPORTS

Navratilova, McEnroe breeze to Wimbledon championships

WIMBLEDON, England (UPI) — It took two weeks and 508 matches to prove what everyone already knew: With the quiet return of John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova, tennis is among the world's tennis players, a position they emphasized with brutal thoroughness during the Wimbledon fortnight.

The Roll of Honor sees McEnroe and Navratilova with two titles each, while repeating their conquests of 1983. McEnroe completed successful defenses of his men's singles and doubles championships, while Navratilova was equally efficient in retaining both women's crowns.

McEnroe has won 53 matches this year against a single loss and earned \$718,650, and Navratilova has been beaten only

twice in two years, with a current winning streak of 38. Her prize money for 1984 so far has reached a staggering \$11,776,000, including the million-dollar purse she received for winning a grand Slam at the French Open last month.

"If I play well, I think I should beat everybody," McEnroe said Sunday after handing Jimmy Connors a shocking 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 defeat in the men's final. It took McEnroe just 80 minutes to beat Connors, a large contrast from the four-hour final in 1982 when Connors edged McEnroe in five

"If I don't, guys can give me a tough match. I've got to be up all the time. It's easy to be up for the final of Wimbledon, but it's hard to get up for the smaller

tournaments and if I'm a little off one day, anyone might get close to beating me."

Navratilova has been even more overwhelming in dominating the women. She has swept through the last two Wimbledons without the loss of a set. On Saturday she became the first woman since Billie Jean King in 1966-68 to win the singles three years in a row, and she is three shy of Helen Wills Moody's record of eight Wimbledon titles.

"I have been able to maintain this level for the last 2 1/2 years, and as long as I can set goals for myself and be excited at the end of achieving them, I will continue," she said after beating Chris Evert Lloyd, 7-6, 6-2, in the women's final.

Intramural softball enjoys best summer; tourney in two weeks

By DAVE LEWIS
Staff Writer

Intramural softball is drawing to a close with playoffs for participating teams slated for the last week in July. A three-week single-elimination tournament is scheduled to begin July 25. Teams involved in the playoffs represent wards or independent teams.

According to Lee Gibbons, director of intramural activities, this summer has been the best season yet for intramurals, with about 300 teams participating in softball. Gibbons said the men's division has the most teams with approximately 150, followed by coed softball, women's divisions and the women's division with 50.

At the end of the regular season, the softball teams are ranked based on performance and overall record. Intramural officials then rank the teams from 1-A to 4-A.

Cod games are usually played Friday night or Saturday morning while the men's and women's divisions play Tuesdays through Thursday evenings.

All softball games are played on the west stadium fields, with the exception of a few coed games, played on

Helaman Field. Teams should be aware of the no-cleat rule on these fields.

The final week of playoffs will be on Aug. 7 through Aug. 9, so finalists should be prepared to play all three days.

Other intramural activities this summer include a tennis tournament, a racquetball tournament and an Aug. 9 road race on campus.

The tennis tournament, to be played on the Helaman and SFH courts, offers a single-elimination tourney for students who wish to compete in singles, doubles or coed doubles competition. Play begins on July 10 for the singles division, on July 25 for doubles and on Aug. 7 for coed doubles. The entry fee is \$1.

The annual racquetball tournament will begin on July 17 and will run for two weeks. The entry deadline is on July 12 and play is limited to coed double competition.

A five-kilometer road race is the last event scheduled for the summer term and will take place on Aug. 9.

For more information, contact the intramurals office, 112 RB.

NL, AL stars clash tonight in baseball's 55th classic

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — On the street corners and in the pubs of San Francisco, the question of who will be Walter Mondale's Democratic vice presidential running mate has been put on hold for a week.

Instead there is another important issue at hand in the city that will host the 55th All-Star Game and Democratic Convention in the next two weeks: Will Philadelphia manager Paul Owen's National League All-Stars avenge last year's humiliating defeat at the hands of the American League All-Stars?

One person who thinks the American League will triumph again Tuesday night in Candlestick Park is Detroit Tiger manager Sparky Anderson.

"The American has totally swung the other way (in favor of the American League)," Anderson said. "I saw it coming. This league (AL) clearly has the best all-around clubs. And believe me, it's going to be this way for a long time, maybe 10 or 15 years."

The American League easily came into existence back in the past seven years, and that's where we've passed them," the Detroit skipper said.

Y signs four women gymnasts

Four gymnasts have signed letters of intent to compete for BYU next season. Coach Debbie and Rodney Hill announced the signing of Gina Hansen from Sacramento, Calif., and Melissa Friesen of Phillips, Neb., on the Cougar squad next year.

Jackson is the 1984 Utah 4A champ while Peterson has never placed lower than third in state meets. Hansen has held 10 state titles in California.

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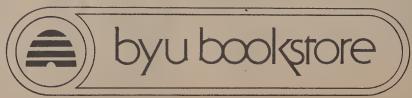
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SPORTS LINE

*Les Carroll
Sports Editor*

The Wimbledon fortnight that has just ended has produced one of the brightest new tennis stars in the world. I'm not talking about 16-year-old Carling Bassett, the striking blonde from ad, or even Pat Cash, the unseeded 19-year-Australian that made the men's semi-finals and doubles finals.

Perhaps the brightest new star on the tennis is John McEnroe, but not the John McEnroe that cussed officials at the Queens Club tournament two weeks ago and over the years has written out checks in the thousands of dollars to pay fines caused his bad behavior.

His new star is the new John McEnroe, the del of tennis czar — the nice guy that smiled joked with first-round opponent Paul Namee, and shrugged it off every time he was called with a call over the past two weeks.

Racket talk

McEnroe's new-found impeccable behavior, coupled with his unmatched tennis ability, might just be a threat to the new tennis czar. He was born in Australia, and though he's been in England where he avoided controversy and let racket do the talking just as he had said he did. The result was a waltz through the competition that saw him lose just one set in the two weeks. The final against Jimmy Connors on Sunday emphasized that the new McEnroe might harder to beat than ever. NBC had tried to make him a threat by having him play the words for "Backhand at Wimbledon" at 7 a.m. T on Sunday. The only problem with Sunday's breakfast was that it didn't get on the plate before much-anticipated Connors/McEnroe battle was r.

ly the time most Americans had kicked off the ergs and gotten their eyes open wide enough to the action on Wimbledon's grass courts, McEnroe had only 10 minutes to play an hour and 20 minutes to win Connors in straight sets. 0 years ago when Connors won at Wimbledon, and Mac battled for more than four hours before Connors could win in five long sets.

It wasn't that Connors played that badly, though he was off just a little. But McEnroe played superbly, and when he's at his best, no one in the world can beat him. I'm not one of those McEnroe fans (of which I am very much one) that's exciting is that we can now enjoy seeing him in tournaments with great tennis without having listen to opinionated sportscasters criticize him. He keeps up this splendid on-court demeanor, will have his skeetings grabbing at straws to find something bad to say about him.

Olympic countdown

Switching from tennis to track — the UPI reported today that Ireland's Eamonn Coghlin would be the first Olympian to an injury. Since was the favorite to win the 5,000 meter run, that disappoint many, including me. I was looking forward to seeing our own Doug Padilla battle ghill.

But if there's a good side to it, then it means that might just be the best in the race now. I don't know if that's good or bad, because Doug will probably be the second best of being a favorite to win, but he's a proven winner.

No less than eight former or current BYU athletes will be at the Olympics, so the next month old prove very profitable for those that have BYU a lot to be proud of.

AC Youth Nationals begin today at Y track; 1,000 athletes on hand

Competition in the decathlon and other multiple disciplines today at The Athletics Congress National Championships. The events is being held at the BYU Track and Field Stadium on Saturday.

Two boys age groups, 14-15 and 16-17, will compete in the decathlon while girls in the same age groups will challenge for a top finish in the heptathlon. Boys and girls ages 10-12 and 13-14 are entered for competition with the youngest group, under-14, in the triathlon. Multiple-event competition will end Wednesday afternoon.

Today's competitors are the first of over 3,000 expected to take part in what has been the largest track meet in the United States, according to Roland Gee, a member of the Games committee. Opening ceremonies will be conducted Thursday at 9 a.m. at the stadium, with competition to begin immediately after. Athletes will take part in a Parade of Athletes and in the administration of the Olympic oath.

The meet is the second national track and field competition at BYU in as many years. In 1982, BYU was the host school for the NCAA Championships.

American bikers look to Olympics

By BRYAN DANGERFIELD

Staff Writer
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. —

After the conclusion of the Olympic Cycling Trials Saturday night, fireworks lit up the sky over the velodrome in Colorado Springs where athletes had been displaying a few fireworks of their own.

The final night of the night pitted the top American women, Mark Gorski and Nelson Vails, in the finals of the match sprint competition.

Gorski, of La Jolla, Calif., fought off a challenge from Vails, of New York City. The two competitors split the first two photo-finish races, but Gorski won the third race of the night by five feet. Gorski will represent the U.S. as the top-seeded sprinter, while Vails qualified as the No. 2 racer.

Friday, the racers showed their stuff when one outdoor world record and three national records were set. Lester Harvey, Nitze and an amateur outdoor cyclist, all set 1:38.44 in the individual pursuit competition, besting the year-old mark of 4:37.31 by Victor Kapovets of the Soviet Union.

"Both of these sprinters are excellent," said Young. "It's really neat to see them both in the States, because it's unusual for two riders of their quality to come from the same country. They could meet in the finals at L.A."

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Emery, Allentown, Pa., Steve Hegg, Dana Point, Calif., Dave Grylls, San Diego, and Chris Huber, San Jose, Calif. Van Haute also won the points race with 41 sprint points in 120 laps. In the kilometer finals Friday night, Rory O'Reilly, of Costa Mesa, Calif., wrapped up his spot on the Olympic team, setting a national record in the event.

The feeling among the racers and coaches was that this U.S. team would be the strongest since the 1912, when the Americans had their best Olympic cycling effort.

According to Gorski's coach, Roger Young, Gorski and Vails are the favorite to win medals at the Olympics in Los Angeles because of the boycott by the Soviets and East Germans.

"The feeling among the racers is excellent," said Young. "It's really neat to see them both in the States, because it's unusual for two riders of their quality to come from the same country. They could meet in the finals at L.A."

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"He's a competitor and I'm just really happy to come out on top tonight."

Wranglers lasso L.A.

TEMPE, Ariz. (UPI) — What a difference a year makes.

Last season, the Philadelphia Stars scored 24 points in the fourth quarter to claim 21 wins in the Chicago Blitz 44-38 in the first round of the U.S. Football League playoffs.

The Blitz, now the Wranglers, relocated in Arizona during the off-season, and have scored 35 fourth-quarter points in playoff games this year, including 21 against the Los Angeles Express in a 35-23 win Saturday for the Western Conference championship.

The victory also moved the Wranglers into a rematch with Philadelphia in the July 15th championship game in Tampa, Fla. The Stars gained the final round Sunday with a 20-10 win over the Blitz.

"It's just a coincidence," said Arizona Coach George Allen. "We were tough tonight and I thought we

were in better shape than they were. If this game had been played at the time it was originally scheduled to be played, it wouldn't have been a contest."

The game had been set for an afternoon kickoff, but was moved to the evening starting time because of the Arizona heat.

"It was a great team victory for us tonight," Allen concluded.

Los Angeles, which suffered through a bad night, credited the Wrangler defense.

"This is the only team I've ever played against that can play a seven-man zone and still put pressure on you to cause problems," said the former BYU star, who hit just seven-of-23 passes for 126 yards while suffering from two interceptions and a bad case of the "drops" by his receivers. "I've never seen that before."

NCAA to offer alternative plan for TV contract

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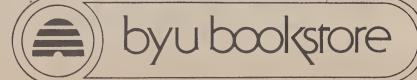
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LIFESTYLE

Program to assist gifted students starting up in schools nationwide

By MICHELLE BALLIF
Staff Writer

Studies show that 40 percent of high school dropouts are gifted students, according to Dr. June Searle, a BYU professor of education.

"The government is spending millions of dollars for the physically, mentally or culturally handicapped but is letting the leaders of tomorrow go unaided," Searle said.

"At least half of all gifted students will fail to the ranks of the average or below because their talents are not developed,"

John F. Feldhusen, a Purdue University professor of education and psychology, and director of the Gifted Education Resource Institute, said, "The proverbial boredom and demotivation of gifted students traces to the failure of schools to meet their potential."

The term "gifted" has been used as a generic term to describe those students who display talent in many areas, Feldhusen said. The areas include intellectual, scientific, leadership, creative, artistic, writing, dramatic, musical, mechanical and physical.

To meet the needs of the talented, different types and levels of programs must be offered, because students differ in the nature and levels of their abilities and in their individual instructional needs, Feldhusen said.

In an effort to design curricula for the gifted, the Gifted Education Resource Institute has created a three-stage model designed for use in elementary and junior high schools.

Thinking skills

Stage I includes basic convergent and divergent thinking skills, Feldhusen said. A few examples of Stage

I activities include listing all the things that can move themselves from one place to another, or designing a vehicle of the future using anything found in a junkyard.

Stage II, according to Feldhusen, involves inquiry skills, research methods, creative problem solving and synectics.

Synectics requires looking at present situations from several different perspectives. Fantasy, direct and personal analogies are applied to a problem in the search for possible solutions.

Feldhusen said an example of synectics is to ask children to "act like a piece of mail going through the post office to learn how to improve handling of them." Another example may be to consider how to improve communication skills by observing chimpanzees communicate.

Stage III allows the students to involve themselves in independent projects, with inquiry activities and self-directed research, Feldhusen said. These activities help students learn to be original. "For instance, off the encyclopedia, plan toward a goal and develop methods of presenting their ideas to others in forms other than a written report," said Feldhusen.

An important part of this stage is the interaction between students and teachers, Feldhusen said. Teachers must interact with each student to help them move in their topic and locate information.

"Able students are no different from other children in their hesitation or in having some difficulty in planning and initiating an independent study," he said.

PACE implemented

The Program for Academic and

Creative Enrichment is being implemented in each of the eight elementary schools in the Tippecanoe School Corporation in Lafayette, Ind.

Margaret Koloff, PACE director, said the program presents children with opportunities to employ a variety of strategies to achieve the goals of the Purdue Three-Stage Model.

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National program

"The gifted and talented program movement is national. Many are adopting it and moving ahead," Searle said.

Many school districts have implemented some program that caters to the gifted and talented child, Searle said. A total commitment has been received from the Jordan School District, and segments of Granite,

Alpine, Cache Valley and Salt Lake Valley are participating, she said.

"My hope is to have all of Utah County be involved consistently," Searle said.

Provo School District has committed to "implement systems that will provide all students a stimulation to a higher level of thinking, in such areas as reading, writing and math," said Ray Harrison, supervisor of educational innovation for the Provo City School District.

"We don't have the instruments necessary to identify the so-called gifted children, so we will offer this to all students, rather than just to the gifted," Harrison said. According to Harrison, the program will be implemented in the fall.

Parents need to involve themselves in the stimulation of gifted children, Searle said.

Emotional development

Feldhusen said some parents and teachers worry about the gifted students' emotional development and say they just want the student to grow up "normal" and "happy."

"They seem not to realize that forcing a gifted person to be like an average person is forcing him or her to be above average," Feldhusen said.

BYU's Department of Independent Study has set a goal to create a home-study course to aid the parents of the gifted children. "Something has to be done, but now we are limited by the amount of funds," said Richard Eddy, chairman of Home Study.

"The ultimate goals of gifted programs should be to help those with high potential reach their maximum talents to the highest level possible, to help them make the best contribution possible to our society, and to help them achieve fully satisfying lives," Searle said.

Great-grandchild born to Kennedys

UPI — The seventh great-grandchild of matronly Rose Kennedy was born July 5 to Michael and Victoria Kennedy. Their daughter, Kyle Frances Kennedy, weighed in at George Washington Hospital in the nation's capital at six pounds, a non-profit group that provides low-cost heating oil to the elderly and underprivileged.

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